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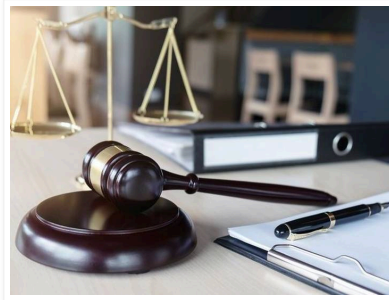
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New Lawsuit

UCLA is facing another lawsuit as fallout from the events of last spring. The conservative Young America's Foundation filed the suit on October 3rd. It says that the interim rules of conduct for the fall are too vague and give too much discretion to university administrators to shut down events they believe create security risks. It cites the events of last spring as proving that UCLA's policies then were not content neutral and net favored those in the encampment over scheduled events that were going to provide an alternative viewpoint on grounds of security. The lawsuit refers to punitive damages for the non-neutral behavior. But its immediate demand is an order requiring UCLA to protect an upcoming event. The new lawsuit appears to piggy-back in part on the earlier lawsuit by different plaintiffs that resulted in the current temporary injunction.



All of the above is yours truly's non-expert interpretation. You can read the new lawsuit at:

<https://ia800402.us.archive.org/9/items/2-final-hjaa-report-the-soil-beneath-the-encampments/YOUNG%20AMERICA%E2%80%99S%20Foundation%20vs%20Block%2C%20Hunt%2C%20Levine%2010-3-2024.pdf>.

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Librarians' Contract



Bio-Med Library: Back in the Day

From the [Bruin](#): *After months of negotiation, librarians have a new contract with the UC for higher wages and additional benefits. The UC announced Tuesday that it agreed to contract changes for librarians after 11 months of bargaining with the University Council-American Federation of Teachers – a union representing UC librarians and non-tenured faculty members. Librarians will receive flexible remote and hybrid work options, an annual \$1,250 professional development allowance*

and scaled salaries for both represented and non-represented librarians...

The contract... guarantees that, after salary scales for represented and non-represented librarians are aligned in its first year, salaries will increase at 3.5% for the first two years and 3% for the final two years, according to the announcement. In addition to the raises, librarians can expect a one-time \$2000 payment once the contract is ratified. Other benefits include a 45% increase to research funds, according to the UC-AFT press release...

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2024/10/02/uc-aft-secures-contract-agreement-for-professional-librarians-with-uc>.

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*Press release at <https://www.uclibrarians.com/ta-summary/>.

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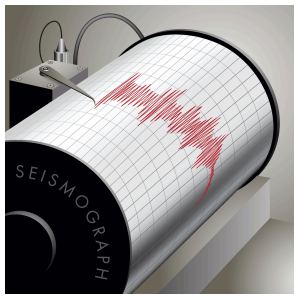
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Shake Insurance



From the [Insurance Journal](#): *What is being called the first sensor-triggered earthquake parametric insurance policy in the U.S. was purchased by The University of California.*

Liberty Mutual Reinsurance, part of Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, and Safehub, a technology provider in seismic sensor and risk management solutions, partnered with the University of California to protect campuses from the risk of earthquake damage...

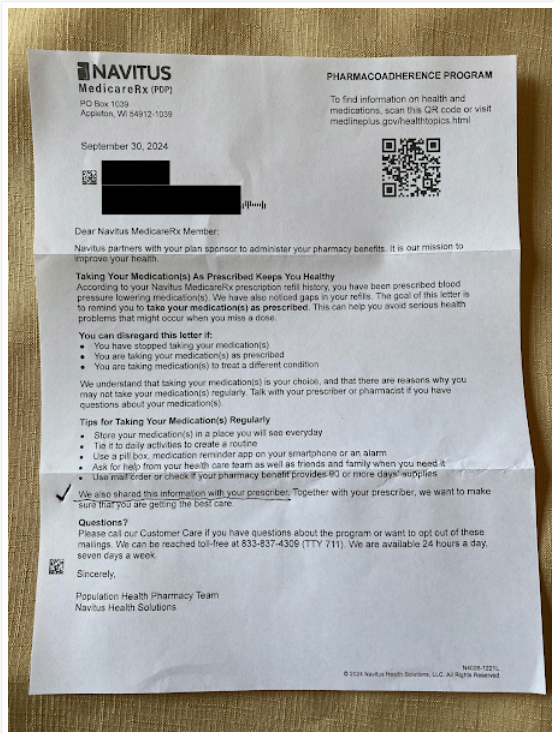
Under the policy, claims are triggered and settled based on measurements from 180 Safehub sensors installed across multiple UC locations.

Full story at <https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2024/10/02/795351.htm>.

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Not to worry



Navitus says it thinks someone on UC's retiree health plans hasn't been taking prescribed meds properly (not true) and that it will so inform the docs who wrote the prescriptions. But it also says not to worry if in fact the meds are being taken properly.

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Saturday, October 5, 2024

UC may want to lose this case



Remember the controversy when the Regents - after several sessions in which they seemed ready to test the proposition that UC, as a state entity, could hire undocumented students - decided the legal risk was too great? The governor vetoed a bill that seemed intended to force

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UC to go ahead with the hiring, but suggested some kind of litigation could be a better way to test the concept. Well, now there is such litigation.

From the [LA Times](#): *After Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed a bill that would have allowed undocumented students to be hired on public universities, a legal effort has been launched to force open this doorway. On Tuesday, a UCLA alumnus and a lecturer filed a lawsuit accusing the University of California system of discriminating against students based on their immigration status. They are seeking a court order requiring the system to consider undocumented students for on-campus jobs.*







"As an undocumented undergraduate student at the University of California, I experienced firsthand the pain and difficulty of being denied the right to on-campus employment," said petitioner and UCLA alumnus Jeffry Umaña Muñoz on Tuesday. "Losing these opportunities forced me to extremely precarious and dangerous living situations, always moments from housing and food insecurity."

The suit argues that federal law barring the hiring of undocumented people does not apply to public universities. A UC spokesperson said on Tuesday afternoon that the university system had yet to be served with the filing but will respond as appropriate when served.

The suit is being coordinated by the Opportunity4All campaign, which led the charge behind Assembly Bill 2486, or the Opportunity for All Act, this year...

Full story at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-10-01/lawsuit-seeks-to-open-uc-jobs-to-undocumented-students-after-newsom-vetoes-bill>.

The question now is what will be the UC stance in this litigation. UC may well want to lose and be ordered by a court to undertake hiring undocumented students. Following a court order would provide some legal protection. Of course, a lot would depend on who wins the White House in November, something that will be known long before the litigation gets very far.

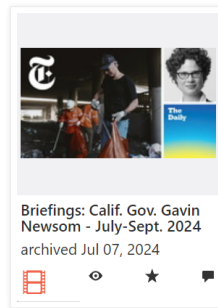
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What the gov has been doing







We like to preserve videos released by the governor as well as related items on a quarterly basis. As you might expect, the third quarter featured releases related to presidential politics, along with other themes.

Particularly starting when the pandemic hit, the governor used to favor (very) lengthy news conferences in which he reeled off facts and figures. He still does some of that during the budget-making season (first half of the year). But now, in the age of TikTok, he likes to release short little videos on different topics.



Anyway, you can see what was released, along with other topical items, at:

<https://archive.org/details/newsom-7-6-24-anti-trump>.

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Subway Construction Notice



Lane Closures on Wilshire Blvd Between Westwood and Glendon

Summary

Frontier Kemper Tutor Perini Joint Venture (FKTP) and our subcontractors will be conducting Cone Penetration Tests (CPT) and road restoration on Wilshire Blvd. This work is being conducted at the request of the Metro Transportation Authority for the Purple Line Extension 3 project.

Construction Period: October 2nd to October 23rd (Work the week of October 7th has been postponed in order to collect approval for traffic control from LADOT)

Work Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Traffic Control:

- Multiple-Lane closures along Wilshire Blvd.
- Road access is maintained on either side of the construction work area.
- Sidewalk access will be maintained.








Noteworthy:

- All work has received the necessary permits and approval.
- Access to driveways, residences, and business will be maintained at all times unless notified in advance.
- Access for pedestrians will be maintained outside of construction zones.
- Access for the Fire Department and emergency responders will be maintained.
- For construction-related issues needing immediate attention, please call Metro’s 24-hour Hotline at 213.922.6934.

Source: https://cloud.sfmcc.metro.net/Lane_Closure_WilshireBl.

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